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The purpose of this document is to describe relationships used by Scripture to define faith.

Faith is a tool.

We know faith is a tool. It is something we use. It is something we live by. But, before any tool can be used wisely, it must be understood.

My business is understanding

My gift is comprehension. My purpose is power measurement. I can define anything in multimedia. I build multimedia dictionaries. I build business models that produce understanding. I facilitate, produce and give understanding. I have built tools for understanding. One could say understanding is my business.

Understanding is neither knowledge nor wisdom

Understanding is not knowledge. I do not have to know much to do my business. Understanding is not wisdom either. But wisdom is based on knowledge and understanding.

Understanding is recognizing familiar relationships

Understanding is like looking at a moving picture and seeing a still picture. It sees the "Big Picture". It recognizes familiar abstractions like time (present, past and future). Other familiar relationships are location, analysis, communication, organization, report, process, product, forecast, and plan.

Tools for Understanding

With my tools, I believe anyone (young or old) can be quickly trained to build definitions. In many ways you use them like you use the internet. I may be the only one who could have built them, but anyone who can use the internet will be able to use my tools for understanding.

Scripture uses familiar relationships to define faith

When I read Hebrews 11, I see each of these relationships. I see the confidence which comes from looking back at history. I see the faith that comes from an anointed prophetic vision of the future. Plus in the present, I see the faith that comes from who you are and what you do; your character or calling. For example: I see Noah's product (his Ark), his process (his Architecture), and his activity (his carpentry at his location). Look at all the other descriptions of faith in Hebrews 11 and elsewhere in the Bible and see if you can recognize some of these familiar relationships. Do these familiar relationships help you see the big picture and understand faith?